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level under other authority, other than those employees who are required to file public financial disclosure reports by title II of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, who are: (i) Responsible for making a decision or taking an action in regard to Commission contracting or procurement, (ii) responsible for conducting investigative and research activities where the decision to be made or action to be taken could have an economic impact on any non-Federal enterprise, or (iii) responsible for exercising the authority of any supervisory or investigative employee in the absence of such employee.

- (2) The Director of Personnel, upon obtaining the advice of the General Counsel, shall be responsible for determining which positions below GS-13 meet the criteria of paragraph (b)(1) of this section. The Director of Personnel shall justify his or her determination in writing and shall submit it to the Office of Personnel Management for its approval. Upon obtaining the approval of the Office of Personnel Management, the Director of Personnel shall include the listing of these positions in the chapter of the Commission's Policy Manual pertaining to the filing of confidential statements of employment and financial interests and shall furnish copies thereof to the Deputy DAEO and to affected employees.
- (3) The Director of Personnel shall evaluate the determination under paragraph (b)(2) of this section as of January 1 and July 1 of each year. When organizational changes or personnel actions indicate that positions should be either added to or taken from the list of positions which the Director of Personnel has determined meet the criteria of paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the Director of Personnel shall make a new determination under paragraph (b)(2) of this section and shall take all other steps required by paragraph (b)(2) immediately upon the implementation of said organizational changes or personnel actions.

 $[46\ {\rm FR}\ 17543,\ {\rm Mar.}\ 19,\ 1981,\ {\rm as\ amended}\ {\rm at}\ 56\ {\rm FR}\ 36726,\ {\rm Aug.}\ 1,\ 1991]$

§ 200.735-114a Employees not required to submit statements.

(a) Employees in positions that meet the criteria in paragraphs (b)(1) or (c)(1) of §200.735–114 of this subpart may be exempted from the reporting requirement of §200.735–114 if the Director of Personnel, upon obtaining the advice of the General Counsel, determines that:

- (1) The duties of a position are such that the likelihood of the incumbent's involvement in a conflict-of-interest situation is remote:
- (2) The duties of a position are at such a level of responsibility that the submission of a statement of employment and financial interests is not necessary because of the degree of supervision and review over the incumbent or the inconsequential effect on the integrity of the Government.
- (b) All determinations made pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be documented in a writing which shall be annexed to the listings required by paragraphs (b)(2) and (c)(2) of §200.735–114 of this subpart. The factual bases and reasons for determinations under paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section shall be specified by the Director of Personnel in said writing. Said writing shall refer to the position only and shall not include the name, or other identifying particular, of the incumbent occupying the position.
- (c) A statement of employment and financial interests from commissioners is not required by this subpart. Such employees are subject to separate reporting requirements under section 401 of Executive Order 11222 (3 CFR 306 (1964–1965 Comp.)).

[42 FR 59958, Nov. 23, 1977]

§ 200.735-114b Employee complaints on filing requirements.

Any employee who believes that his position has been improperly included under the reporting requirements of §200.735–114 may obtain a review there-of through the Commission's grievance procedures.

[42 FR 59958, Nov. 23, 1977]

§ 200.735-114c Voluntary submission by employees.

Any employee not required to submit a statement of employment and financial interests under the criteria established by §200.735–114 may submit such a statement to the Deputy Counselor in the manner specified in §200.735–116 if he or she so desires.

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§ 200.735-115 Forms—Interests not to be reported.

(a) Statements required to be submitted by the provisions of this subpart shall be prepared on forms (the format of which is prescribed by the Office of Government Ethics, Office of Personnel Management) available from the Deputy DAEO.

(b) Employees, GS-15 and below, who are required to file a statement of employment and financial interests under §200.735-114 of this part, need not report to the Deputy DAEO those financial interests specified in §§200.735-107(c) (1) and (2) of this part. Commissioners and Commission employees, GS-16 and above, are required to report the financial interests specified in the financial interests specified in under section 202(a) of this part under section 202(a) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978.

[44 FR 23823, Apr. 23, 1979, as amended at 56 FR 36726, Aug. 1, 1991]

§ 200.735-116 Time and place for submission of employees' statements.

- (a) An employee required to submit such a statement shall submit it not later than:
- (1) Ninety days after the effective date of the regulations in this part, if employed on or before that effective date; or
- (2) Thirty days after his entrance on duty, but not earlier than ninety days after the effective date, if appointed after the effective date.
- (b) Each such statement shall be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel of the Commission and shall be marked "Submitted in Confidence to the Deputy DAEO.": *Provided*, That the statement of the Deputy DAEO shall be submitted directly to the DAEO.

[31 FR 2593, Feb. 10, 1966, as amended at 56 FR 36726, Aug. 1, 1991]

§ 200.735–117 Supplementary statements.

Changes in, or additions to, the information contained in an employee's statement of employment and financial interests shall be reported in a supple-

mentary statement as of June 30 each year. If no changes or additions occur, a negative report is required. Notwithstanding the filing of the annual report under this section, each employee shall at all times avoid acquiring a financial interest that could result, or taking an action that would result, in a violation of the conflicts of interest provisions of section 208 of title 18, United States Code, or the regulations in this part.

[32 FR 16211, Nov. 28, 1967]

§ 200.735-118 Interests of employees' relatives.

The interest of a spouse, minor child or other member of an employee's immediate household is considered to be an interest of the employee. For the purpose of this section, member of an employee's immediate household means those blood relations who are residents of the employee's household.

§ 200.735-119 Information not known by employees.

If any information required to be included in a statement of employment and financial interests or supplementary statement, including holdings placed in trust, is not known to the employee but is known to another person, the employee shall request that other person to submit information on his behalf.

§ 200.735-120 Information prohibited.

An employee is not required to submit in a statement of employment and financial interests or supplementary statement any information relating to the employee's connection with, or interest in, a professional society or a charitable, religious, social, fraternal, recreational, public service, civic, or political organization or similar organization not conducted as a business enterprise. For the purpose of this section, educational and other institutions doing research and development or related work involving grants of money from, or contracts with, the Government are deemed business enterprises and are required to be included in an employee's statement of employment and financial interests.